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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please cancel Claims 1-26. The remaining Claims are 27-31.

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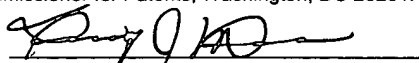


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